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A Celebration of Teaching and Learning Through the Arts

August 3 – 5, 2015
Durham Convention Center and Carolina Theatre
Durham, N.C.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 3

4:30-6 p.m. Conference Registration Open

Lobby, Durham Convention Center

5:30-7 p.m. Celebration Reception

Fletcher Hall Lobby, Carolina Theatre

Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by Dos Perros

7-8:30 p.m. Celebration Program

Fletcher Hall, Carolina Theatre

- ★ *Premiere:* Film by Rodrigo Dorfman, Award-winning Documentary Filmmaker and Producer
- ★ *Welcome:* Susan Kluttz, Secretary, Department of Cultural Resources
- ★ *Keynote Speaker:* Michael Christiano, Director of Education and Interpretation, The SMART Museum, Chicago
- ★ *Performance:* Shana Tucker, Singer, Songwriter, Cellist

Tuesday, August 4

7:30-9 a.m. Registration Open, Coffee

Connie Moses Ballroom and 2nd Floor Cinema Lobby, Carolina Theatre

9-10 a.m. Conference Opening Session

Fletcher Hall, Carolina Theatre

- ★ *Keynote Speaker:* Mike Wiley, Actor, Producer

10:15-11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session A

Carolina Theatre and Durham Convention Center

Please select one from the following sessions:

- ★ **Connecting at the Core: Arts Integration and Conceptual Learning Standards** with Elizabeth Foos, LA A+ Fellow and Director, Foos for Thought

- ★ **Literacy, the Arts and the Common Core: “Reading” Dance and Exploring Literacy** with Dr. Marissa Nesbit, Assistant Professor, East Carolina University, Dr. Susanne Burgess, Director of Music Education, Southeast Center for Education in the Arts, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga and Jessica Laliberte Bowman, Dance Educator, Center for Creative Arts
- ★ **Global Learning through the Arts: Connecting A+ and Arts Integration with VIF's Global Learning Community** with Anamaria Knight, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, VIF International Education and Carrie Wagner, NC A+ Fellow, Global Learning Specialist
- ★ **Documenting the Work: Sharing Arts Integration with a Broader Audience** with Amy Duma, Director, Teacher and School Programs, The Kennedy Center
- ★ **Closing the Opportunity Gap with Strategic Arts Partnerships** with Jennifer DiFiglia, Young Audiences NY, Kaya Chawls, Urban Arts Partnership and Greg Ayres, Urban Arts Partnership
- ★ **Thinking Outside the Book: STEM to STEAM** with Kathryn Bentley, Affiliate Director, North Carolina Wolf Trap and Rocio Gonzales, NC A+ Fellow and North Carolina Teaching Artist
- ★ **Let's Act Now: Advocacy and Messaging for the Future of the A+ Model** with Jeff Poulin, Arts Education Program Coordinator, Americans for the Arts
- ★ **What is the Museum's Role in Next Generation Learning?** with Jill Taylor, Coordinator of School Partnerships, NC Museum of Art and Michelle Harrell, Associate Director of Education, NC Museum of Art
- ★ **Addressing the Achievement Gap with Arts-Enhanced Staff Development** with AmyBith Gardner Harlee, Curriculum Coordinator, Reynolds A+ High School
- ★ **Spiral Bound: Living and Learning Through the Arts and Inspiration** with Dr. Barbara Ann Temple, VP of Education, Arts & Science Council
- ★ **Flash Mobs: Experiencing Art Bigger than your Classroom** with Amy Cruz, Art and Dance Teacher, RJ Reynolds A+ High School

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch

Lunch on your own at our food truck rally or surrounding Durham-area restaurants

1:30-3:30 p.m. Afternoon Plenary Session

Fletcher Hall, Carolina Theatre

- ★ *Remarks:* Dr. June Atkinson, N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction
- ★ *Keynote Speaker:* John Merrow, Award-winning Education Correspondent for PBS News Hour and Education Journalist
- ★ *Film:* School Sleuth: The Case of the Wired Classroom

3:45-5 p.m. Facilitated Breakout Sessions Based on Afternoon Keynote Speaker's Address

Durham Convention Center and Carolina Theatre

Wednesday, August 5

7:30-9 a.m. Registration Open, Coffee

Connie Moses Ballroom and 2nd Floor Cinema Lobby, Carolina Theatre

9-10 a.m. Morning Plenary Session

Fletcher Hall, Carolina Theatre

- ★ *Keynote Speaker:* Sandra Ruppert, Executive Director, Arts Education Partnership

10:15-11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session B

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Please select one from the following sessions:

- ★ **Visual Vision Statements: Considering Creative Culture with a Crayola Grantee School** with Kelly Schofield, Principal, Dana Elementary School and Kristen Walter, Innovation and Learning Manager, Crayola
- ★ **Moving the Story: Using Creative Movement in Literacy Activities** with Katie Davis, Education Director, Carolina Ballet, Lauren Youngman, Teaching Artist, Carolina Ballet, Heather Pike, Teaching Artist, Carolina Ballet and Gretchen Romanowski, Teaching Artist, Carolina Ballet
- ★ **Google Drive as Electronic Portfolios** with Kim Wilson, Professional Learning Organizer, ARA+ Schools and Sandy West, AR A+ Fellow
- ★ **Creating Collaborative School Culture: The Arts Integration Team Process** with Lori Cozzi, NC A+ Fellow and Executive Director, ArtSpace Charter, Josh Batenhorst, NC A+ Fellow and Development Associate, ArtSpace Charter and Mary La Bianca, Dance Specialist, ArtSpace Charter
- ★ **Fostering Creative Thinking in the Classroom** with Sheila Kerrigan, Mime, Teaching Artist, President, SE Center for Arts Integration
- ★ **The Power of the Image: Visual Literacy in Every Classroom** with Camille Tewell, Manager of Teacher Programs, NC Museum of Art Big Picture Program and Brooke Kesterson, Statewide Educator, NC Museum of Art Big Picture Program
- ★ **Building Relationships with Arts Integration** with Deborah Randolph, Curator of Education, Southeast Center for Contemporary Arts
- ★ **Make Peace With Puppets: Collaboration and Conflict Resolution** with Susana Abell, Silver Trout Arts
- ★ **El Sistema NC and Kidznotes** with Stephen Pysnik, Program and Grants Assistant, Kidznotes, Katie Wyatt, Executive Director, Kidznotes, Holly Cummings, Executive Director, Musical Minds NC, and Brian Kellum, Program Director, MusicWorks!
- ★ **Multiple Intelligences: Theory in 1983 is Practice in 2015** with Jef Lambdin, NC A+ Fellow, Mime and Teaching Artist, Sandra Kent, Executive Director, OK A+ Schools and Melanie Landrum, Executive Director, AR A+ Schools
- ★ **A+ Goes to College: Preparing Pre-Service Teachers for Two-way Integration** with Dan Johnson, NC A+ Fellows and Professor, UNC Wilmington, Brenda Wheat Whiteman, Adjunct Professor, NC State University, Paige Everett, NC A+ Fellow and Instructor, East Carolina University and Melinda Waegerle, NC A+ Fellow and Assistant Professor, UNC Greensboro
- ★ **Social Studies and Design: Using Form in Creating Artifacts** with Becky Roy, LA A+ Fellow

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Networking Boxed Lunch

Grand Ballroom I & II, Durham Convention Center

Noon Lunchtime Performance: Authoring Action, Winston-Salem, NC

1 -2:15 p.m. Concurrent Session C

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Please select one from the following sessions:

- ★ **Seeing is Believing: Visual Literacy in the 21st Century** with Steve Lipe, NC A+ Fellow and Technology Specialist, ArtSpace Charter School and Lori Cozzi, NC A+ Fellows and Executive Director, ArtSpace Charter School

- ★ **Who's Behind the Creation of the Creator of Creative Education? Huh?** with Mark Sidelnick, Associate Professor of Education, UNC-Asheville
- ★ **The Art and Science of Process** with Marcia Greenwood, OK A+ Fellow and Rosalynn Wade, Program Director, OK A+ Schools
- ★ **Creating Powerful Imagery in Art: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach** with Glenda Mackie, NC A+ Fellow, Dance Teacher, Enloe High School
- ★ **Surefire Shakespeare with Shakespeare Lives!** with Jeffrey P. Shu, Kernersville Middle School, Heidi McIver, The Arts Based School, Jennifer Long, East Forsyth Middle School and Sherri Raeford, Artistic Director, Shared Radiance Performing Arts Company
- ★ **Sensational Script and Song Writing** with Lyn Vanover, 3rd Grade Teacher, ArtSpace Charter School and Joshua Batenhorst, NC A+ Fellow, Development Associate, ArtSpace Charter School
- ★ **A Little Dab of this and a Whole DOT of That!** with Alice Spickard, Magnet Coordinator, Douglas A+ Elementary, Kristen Terry, Magnet Coordinator, Bugg A+ Elementary, Cynthia Zittle, Magnet Coordinator, Wendell A+ Elementary and Maureen Percy, Magnet Coordinator, Fuller GT Magnet Elementary
- ★ **Paper Pulp Painting** Janet Wolfe, Art Teacher, LA A+ Fellow and Cynthia Lawhon, Discoveries Teacher, LA A+ Schools
- ★ **Wrap it in Rhythm: Celebrating the Heartbeat of A+ with Music** with Beverly Botsford, NC A+ Fellow, Professional Musician and Educator

2:30-3:30 p.m. Conference Closing Session

Fletcher Hall, Carolina Theatre

Remarks: Allison George, 2015 Gerry D. Howell A+ Educator of the Year, Math Teacher, Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, NC

Keynote Speaker: Corey Mitchell, Tony Award-winning Theater Arts Educator at Northwest School of the Arts



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